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REFERENCE TO: Mission 1048, WHITE SEA SUBMARINE ACTIVITY
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

SUBMARINE ACTIVITY ON THIS MISSION IN THE WHITE SEA INCLUDES TWO SIGHTINGS OF Y SSBN AND ONE V SSN. THE TIME OF THE FIRST SIGHTING COINCIDES APPROXIMATELY (1 HR 45 MIN) WITH A REPORTED LAUNCHING OF A SS-N-6 MISSILE FROM THE WHITE SEA ARM TO THE NCRIISK VICINITY.

-- A Y SSBN AND A PROBABLE V SSN, BOTH UNDER WAY AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. THE Y SSBN IS TRAVELING APPARENTLY AT HIGH SPEED, THE V SSN APPARENTLY AT LOW SPEED, AND BOTH ARE ON A HEADING OF 150 DEGREES AT ABOUT 1045 HOURS LOCAL TIME (0843-0845 Z TIME).

- A PROBABLE Y SSBN DEAD IN THE WATER 105 NM NORTHWEST OF THE POSITION WHERE A Y SSBN WAS SEEN ON 30 SEP 68 AT ABOUT 1045 HOURS LOCAL TIME (0846 Z TIME).

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2. LOCATION:

IN THE WHITE SEA SOUTH OF THE KOLA PENINSULA AS
FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] A Y SSBN UNDER WAY 9.5 NM ENE OF
OSTROV ZHIZHGIN AT 65-17N 037-20E. A PROBABLE
V SSN UNDER WAY APPROXIMATELY 3 NM NW OF THE
ENTRANCE TO NIKOLSKOYE ESTUARY AND SEVERODVINSK
SHIPYARD 402.

[REDACTED] A PROBABLE Y SSBN DEAD IN THE WATER
2 NM SOUTH OF LESNOY PORT IN SOSNOVAYA BAY.

3. REMARKS:

THE Y-CLASS NUCLEAR-POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE
SUBMARINE IS BUILT AT SEVERODVINSK SHIPYARD 402
AND IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING 16 BALLISTIC MISSILES.
THE FIRST DEPLOYED UNIT WAS OBSERVED AT GUBA
SAYDA SUBMARINE BASE IN MAR 68. THERE ARE NOW
THOUGHT TO BE AT LEAST SIX UNITS IN THIS CLASS.

4. COLLATERAL:

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: Y SSBN -
6. NEGATION DATE: Y SSBN -

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: Y SSBN - 6 KH-4, 3 KH-7,

8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: Y SSBN
LENGTH OVERALL
MAXIMUM BEAM
SS-N-6
PROPULSION LIQUID
MAXIMUM RANGE 1,350NM

9. MISSION READOUT: - ONE Y SSBN, APPARENTLY AT HIGH SPEED, ON HEADING OF 150 DEGREES, APPROXIMATELY 9.5 NM ENE OF OSTROV ZHIZHGIN AT 65-17N 037-20E AND ONE PROBABLE V SSN, APPARENTLY AT LOW SPEED, ON HEADING OF 150 DEGREES, APPROXIMATELY 3 NM NW OF ENTRANCE TO NIKOLSKOYE ESTUARY.
- ONE PROBABLE Y SSBN DEAD IN THE WATER 2 NM SOUTH OF LESNOY PORT FACILITIES IN SOSNOVAYA BAY.

ENLARGEMENT FACTORS: 100X AND 30X

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MISSION 1048-2, 27 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER 1968

1 OCTOBER 1968

Y SSBN AT HIGH SPEED HEADING
150 DEGREES 1045 HRS LOCAL
130 SEP 68

PROBABLE Y SSBN DEAD IN WATER
1045 HRS LOCAL

PROBABLE V SSN AT LOW SPEED
HEADING 150 DEGREES
1045 HRS LOCAL 30 SEP 68

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